

**TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

**DISPLAY DEVICE AND OSD CONTROLLING  
METHOD FOR THE SAME**

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

[0001] This application makes reference to, incorporates the same herein, and claims all benefits accruing under 35 U.S.C §119 from an application entitled *Display And OSD Controlling Method Thereof* earlier filed in the Korean Industrial Property Office on 27 December 2000, and there duly assigned Serial No. 2000-83358 by that Office.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention**

[0002] The present invention relates to a display device and OSD (On Screen Display) controlling method for the display device, and more particularly, a display device and OSD controlling method for the display device which can easily achieve a desired adjustment for display parameters using minimized key inputs.

**Description of the Related Art**

[0003] In general, a monitor, which is used as a display device in a computer to output data generated from the computer, is largely classified into a CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) monitor and an LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) monitor.

1 [0004] Some such monitors have an OSD function for displaying adjustment information for  
2 adjusting the display of a video signal transmitted from the computer as well as information about  
3 the monitor. The OSD activated on the monitor includes a plurality of menus for altering  
4 information associated with a shape, a color, etc., of the display or information about the video signal  
5 on the screen thereof.

6 [0005] A monitor being contemplated by the Assignee of the present invention having such an  
7 OSD function includes a control section for receiving a video signal output from a video card of a  
8 computer and for receiving horizontal and vertical synchronizing signals to discriminate a resolution,  
9 a key inputting section for generating a control signal for controlling a monitor screen, a horizontal  
10 and vertical outputting circuit for receiving the horizontal and vertical synchronizing signals and a  
11 monitor controlling signal output from the control section to synchronize a raster, a video signal  
12 processing section for amplifying the video signal for application to the monitor which displays the  
13 amplified video signal thereon, an OSD generating section for processing OSD data applied thereto  
14 from the control section to generate an OSD, and a power supply circuit for supplying electric power  
15 to the control section, the horizontal and vertical outputting circuit, and the video signal processing  
16 section.

17 [0006] The key inputting section includes a menu key for activating an OSD on a monitor screen,  
18 four directional keys, *i.e.*, UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT keys for moving a pointer indicated on the  
19 display window of the OSD to select a desired menu and/or adjusting the selected menu, and an end  
20 key for closing the OSD or replacing a present menu with an upper menu.

21 [0007] Where it is desired to adjust a display state of this monitor, when a user inputs the menu  
22 key of the key inputting section, the menus of the OSD are displayed on the screen thereof. An

example of the monitor being contemplated by the Assignee of the present invention is shown in Fig. 4, wherein an OSD 70 includes a menu matrix 71 having a plurality of menu icons arranged in a pair of rows and a plurality of columns forming a matrix shape, and a display window 73 for displaying an adjusted display state associated with a selected one of the menu icons or sub-menus of the selected menu icon. Each menu icon of the menu matrix 71 indicates information about the video signal or information about the image state of a display section. Here, for convenience's sake, the leftmost menu icon of an upper row of the menu matrix 71 is designated as icon 1. Then, the remaining menu icons of the upper row are designated as icon 2, icon 3, ..., and icon 7, respectively, in regular order from icon 1 to the right side. Similarly, the leftmost menu icon of a lower row of the menu matrix 71 is designated as icon 8, and the remaining menu icons of the lower row are also designated as icon 9, icon 10, ..., and icon 14, respectively, in regular order from icon 8 to the right side. As a result, the rightmost menu icon of the lower row thereof becomes icon 14. The number indicated at the upper left end side of each menu icon represents the frequency of a minimum selection of the directional keys for moving the pointer from the initial (default) position thereof to a corresponding menu icon. For example, the default icon is icon 1 for adjusting brightness and in order to move to icon 2 for adjusting the contrast the user must press the right directional key once, however, if the user desires to adjust the frequency, icon 14, the user must press the left directional key once for moving the pointer from icon 1 to icon 14. To move from icon 1 to icon 7, the user presses the down key once and the left key once, thus the minimum number of times the directional keys for moving the pointer from the initial (default) position of icon 1 to icon 7 need to be pressed is two times.

**[0008]** More specifically, when the OSD 70 is activated, the pointer is positioned at the leftmost

1 menu icon of the upper row of the menu matrix 71, which is called "the initial (default) position of  
2 the pointer". The pointer is moved up and down or left and right in the menu matrix 71 according  
3 to the selection of the directional keys. At this point, the pointer is shifted along with a movement  
4 path on a closed loop formed up/down or left/right. That is, for example, when the LEFT key is  
5 selected in a state in which the pointer is positioned at icon 1, the pointer is moved from icon 1 to  
6 icon 14, and when the RIGHT key is selected in a state in which the pointer is positioned at icon 7,  
7 the pointer is moved from icon 7 to icon 8. Similarly, when the UP key is selected in a state in  
8 which the pointer is positioned at icon 1, the pointer is moved from icon 1 to icon 14, and when the  
9 DOWN key is selected in a state in which the pointer is positioned at icon 8, the pointer is moved  
10 from icon 8 to icon 2.

11 [0009] When the OSD 70 is displayed on a monitor screen to vary information about a monitor  
12 and a video signal using such a conventional OSD 70, the pointer is initially positioned at icon 1 or  
13 the leftmost menu icon of the upper row of the menu matrix 71. At this time, if a menu icon  
14 indicating a menu that a user desires to vary is icon 13, when the user depresses the LEFT key twice,  
15 the pointer reaches icon 13 immediately. However, since most users are accustomed to using the  
16 RIGHT key rather than the LEFT key, they depress the RIGHT key six times and then depresses the  
17 DOWN key once habitually to move the pointer from icon 1 to icon 13. As a result, the frequency  
18 of selection of the RIGHT key becomes larger than that of selection of the LEFT key by 5. Also,  
19 since a user feels icon 13 is at a far distance from icon 1 on the menu matrix 71 of the OSD 70,  
20 he/she feels inconvenienced by having to depressing the directional keys many times when moving  
21 the pointer from icon 1 to icon 13.

22 [0010] Meanwhile, the menu icons arranged on the menu matrix 71 of the OSD 70 are determined

1 randomly upon the production of a monitor in consideration of the frequency of use, but a menu icon  
2 having a higher frequency of use is not equally applied to all the users. Accordingly, there have been  
3 proposed several methods in which a user can arrange the menu icons randomly or the menu icons  
4 are automatically arranged depending on the frequency of use. However, there has been a problem  
5 that only a simple rearrangement of the menu icons cannot satisfy the demand and convenience of  
6 the user sufficiently.

7 [0011] Accordingly, I have determined that there is a need for an improved arrangement of the  
8 menus of the OSD 70 and pointer shifting method in which a user feels that it is convenient and easy  
9 for him/her to choose the menu icons visually and which substantially satisfies the demand and  
10 convenience of the user.

## 11 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

12 [0012] Therefore, the present invention has been made in view of the above-mentioned problems,  
13 and it is an object of the present invention to provide a display device for displaying menu data of  
14 an OSD having a menu matrix arranged on the screen and OSD controlling method for the display  
15 device, thereby satisfying the demand and convenience of a user.

16 [0013] According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a display device  
17 including a display section for displaying a video signal, comprising:

18 [0014] an OSD generating section adapted to generate a menu matrix having a plurality of menu  
19 icons arranged in a plurality of rows and columns forming a matrix shape to display the generated  
20 menu matrix on the display section, the plurality of menu icons being adapted to adjust the display  
21 state of the display section;

1 [0015] a key inputting section adapted to allow a user to select any desired one of the plurality of  
2 menu icons; and

3 [0016] a control section adapted to control a pointer so that the pointer is positioned at a menu  
4 icon in the central region of the menu matrix upon the initial display of the menu matrix, the pointer  
5 indicating a menu icon selected through the key inputting section, and the control section adapted  
6 to vary the display state of the display section according to an input signal from the key inputting  
7 section.

8 [0017] Preferably, the plurality of rows in the menu matrix may include at least three rows.

9 [0018] It is preferred that the control section determines the frequency of use for each of the menu  
10 icons selected by a user via the key inputting section, and disposes the menu icon having the highest  
11 frequency of use at a central region of the menu matrix where the pointer is initially positioned, so  
12 that the pointer is positioned at the menu icon having the highest frequency of use upon the initial  
13 display of the menu matrix.

14 [0019] It is also preferred that the control section disposes the remaining menu icons at  
15 right/up/left/down sides, in this order, around the central region of the menu matrix so that those of  
16 the menu icons having higher frequencies of use are arranged closer to the central region of the menu  
17 matrix than those of the menu icons having lower frequencies of use, whereby the number of  
18 selections of the key inputting section required to select a desired one of the menu icons is  
19 minimized.

20 [0020] Preferably, when the key input section is selected to move the pointer from one of the  
21 rightmost menu icons in a right direction, the control section moves the pointer to a menu icon  
22 requiring the number of selections of the key input section less than that of the rightmost menu icon

1 while being arranged opposite to the rightmost menu icon with reference to the central region and  
2 in a row next to that of the rightmost menu icon in a predetermined direction, whereby the pointer  
3 can be moved to be closer to the central region of the menu matrix.

4 [0021] Preferably, when the key input section is selected to move the pointer from one of the  
5 leftmost menu icons in a left direction, the control section moves the pointer to a menu icon  
6 requiring the number of selections of the key input section less than that of the leftmost menu icon  
7 while being arranged opposite to the leftmost menu icon with reference to the central region and in  
8 a row next to that of the leftmost menu icon in a predetermined direction, whereby the pointer can  
9 be moved to be closer to the central region of the menu matrix.

10 [0022] According to another aspect of the present invention, there is also provided an OSD  
11 controlling method of a display device including a display section for displaying a video signal,  
12 comprising the steps of:

13 [0023] generating an OSD including a menu matrix having a plurality of menu icons arranged in  
14 a plurality of rows and columns forming a matrix shape for adjusting the display state of the display  
15 section by means of a selection of a user; and

16 [0024] controlling a pointer for indicating a menu icon selected by the user so that the pointer is  
17 positioned at a menu icon in the central region of the menu matrix upon the initial display of the  
18 menu matrix.

### 19 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

20 [0025] The foregoing and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will  
21 become more apparent from the following detailed description when taken in conjunction with the

1 accompanying drawings in which:

2 [0026] Fig. 1 is a block diagram illustrating the construction of a display device;

3 [0027] Fig. 2 is a plan view illustrating a display device having an OSD activated thereon  
4 according to the present invention;

5 [0028] Fig. 3 is a view illustrating the construction of an OSD indicating the shift direction of a  
6 pointer according to a selection of a key inputting section of Fig. 1; and

7 [0029] Fig. 4 is a view illustrating a background art display device having an OSD activated  
8 thereon.

9 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**

10 [0030] Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present  
11 invention.

12 [0031] Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, there is shown a display device including a display device 100  
13 constituting an appearance of the display device, and a display section 130 as a screen for displaying  
14 a video signal. The display device 100 has a key inputting section 115 formed at one side thereof.

15 [0032] The key inputting section includes a menu key 31 for activating an OSD 200 on display  
16 section 130, four directional keys, *i.e.*, UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT keys 34, 36, 35, and 33,  
17 respectively, for moving a pointer indicated on the OSD 200 to select a desired menu icon and/or  
18 adjusting the selected menu, and an end(exit) key 32 for closing the OSD 200 or replacing a present  
19 menu with an upper menu.

20 [0033] As shown in Fig. 1, in order to control a function of OSD 200, such a display device 100  
21 includes a control section 110 for receiving a video signal outputted from a video card (not shown)



1 of a computer (not shown) and a horizontal synchronizing signal/a vertical synchronizing signal to  
2 discriminate a resolution as well as for adjusting the video signal according to a key input from key  
3 inputting section 115 upon the generation of OSD 200, an OSD generating section 150 for  
4 processing OSD data applied thereto from control section 110 to generate OSD 200, and a video  
5 signal processing section 140 for amplifying a video signal and an OSD signal applied thereto from  
6 OSD generating section 150 for application to display section 130 which displays the amplified  
7 video/OSD signals thereon.

8 **[0034]** The OSD 200 generated from OSD generating section 150 includes a menu matrix 210  
9 having a plurality of menu icons 250 arranged in at least three rows and a plurality of columns  
10 forming a matrix shape, the menu icons being adapted to adjust the video signal and the image state  
11 of display section 130, and a display window 230 for displaying an adjusted display state associated  
12 with a selected one of the menu icons or sub-menus of the selected menu icon.

13 **[0035]** The control section 110 acts to control a pointer so that the pointer is positioned at the  
14 initial (default) menu icon (e.g., icon 11 in Fig. 2) in the central region of the menu matrix 210 upon  
15 the generation of the OSD 200, and to move the pointer to vary the display state of the display  
16 section 130 according to a key input signal from the key inputting section 115. As the pointer is  
17 disposed in the central region of the menu matrix 210 upon the initial display of the menu matrix of  
18 the OSD 200, a user can move the pointer from the default menu icon in the central region of the  
19 menu matrix 210 up, down, left or right. Accordingly, where the pointer is moved to the  
20 surrounding menu icons 250 at an equal distance from the default menu icon in the central region  
21 of the menu matrix 210, the frequency of selection of the directional keys required for moving the  
22 pointer from the default menu icon in the central region thereof to each of the surrounding menu

1 icons becomes equal.

2 [0036] A concrete embodiment of the OSD 200 with the menu matrix 210 on which the pointer  
3 is positioned in such a method will now be described hereinafter with reference to Fig. 3.

4 [0037] As shown in Fig. 3, where the OSD 200 includes a menu matrix 210 having 21 menu icons  
5 arranged in three row and seven columns, the initial position of the pointer in the menu matrix 210  
6 becomes icon 11 upon the activation of the OSD 200. Where a user desires to move the pointer from  
7 the icon 11 to the surrounding menu icons 250, i.e., up/down/left/right icons 4, 18, 10 and 12 at an  
8 equal distance from the icon 11, respectively, when he/she depresses the UP key 34, the DOWN key  
9 36, the LEFT key 35 and RIGHT key 33 once, respectively, in a state in which the pointer is  
10 positioned at icon 11, the pointer is moved from icon 11 to icons 4, 18, 10 and 12, respectively.  
11 Also, where a user desires to move the pointer from the icon 11 to any of icons 3, 5, 9, 13, 17 and  
12 19, then only two selections of directional keys 33, 34, 35 and 36 are required, e.g., UP/LEFT,  
13 UP/RIGHT, LEFT/LEFT, RIGHT/RIGHT, DOWN/LEFT and DOWN/RIGHT, respectively. The  
14 number indicated at the upper left end side of each of the menu icons 250 represents the frequency  
15 of selection of the directional keys required for moving the pointer from the initial position thereof,  
16 i.e., icon 11 to a corresponding menu icons 250.

17 [0038] If the process of shifting the pointer using the directional keys was the same as that  
18 described for Fig. 4, where the pointer is positioned at one of the leftmost menu icons 250 of the  
19 menu matrix 210 such as icon 1, icon 8 or icon 15, respectively, when a user depresses the LEFT key  
20 35, the pointer would have been moved from icon 1 to icon 21, from icon 8 to icon 7, or from icon  
21 15 to icon 14, respectively. However, for the display device according to the present invention,  
22 when a corresponding one of the directional keys is selected to move the pointer from one of the

1 leftmost or rightmost menu icons 250 of the menu matrix 210 in outer directions, *i.e.*, in the left or  
2 right directions in the menu matrix 210, the control section 110 moves the pointer from one of the  
3 leftmost or rightmost menu icons to a menu icon requiring a number of selections of the key input  
4 section one less than that of the leftmost or rightmost menu icon.

5 **[0039]** That is, when the UP key 34 or LEFT key 35 is selected in a state in which the pointer is  
6 positioned at icon 1, *i.e.*, the leftmost menu icon of the first row of the menu matrix 210, since the  
7 minimum combined frequency of selection of the directional keys to reach icon 1 from icon 11 is  
8 4, the pointer is not moved from icon 1 to icon 21, because the minimum combined frequency of  
9 selection of the directional keys to reach icon 21 from icon 11 is also 4. Instead, but the control  
10 section 110 moves the pointer from icon 1 to icon 20, because the minimum combined frequency  
11 of selection of the directional keys to reach icon 20 from icon 11 is 3 which is one less than the 4  
12 of icon 1.

13 **[0040]** Also, when the LEFT key 35 is selected in a state in which the pointer is positioned at icon  
14 8, *i.e.*, the leftmost menu icon of the second row of the menu matrix 210, since the because  
15 minimum combined frequency of selection of the directional keys to reach icon 8 from icon 11 is  
16 3, the control section 110 does not move the pointer from icon 8 to icon 7, but instead moves the  
17 pointer from icon 8 to icon 5 because the minimum combined frequency of selection of the  
18 directional keys to reach icon 5 from icon 11 is 2, which is one less than that required for icon 8.

19 **[0041]** When the LEFT key 35 or DOWN key 36 is selected in a state in which the pointer is  
20 positioned at icon 15, *i.e.*, the leftmost menu icon of the third row of the menu matrix 210, since the  
21 minimum combined frequency of selection of the directional keys to reach icon 15 from icon 11 is

1 4, the control section 110 move the pointer from icon 15 to icon 14 because the minimum combined  
2 frequency of selection of the directional keys to reach icon 5 from icon 11 is 3, which is one less  
3 than that required for icon 15.

4 [0042] In the meantime, when the RIGHT key 33 or UP key 34 is selected in a state in which the  
5 pointer is positioned at icon 7, *i.e.*, the rightmost menu icon of the first row of the menu matrix 210,  
6 the control section 110 moves the pointer from icon 7 to icon 8. When the RIGHT key 33 is selected  
7 in a state in which the pointer is positioned at icon 14, *i.e.*, the rightmost menu icon of the second  
8 row of the menu matrix 210, the control section 110 moves the pointer from icon 14 to icon 17.  
9 Also, when the RIGHT key 33 or DOWN key 36 is selected in a state in which the pointer is  
10 positioned at icon 21, *i.e.*, the rightmost menu icon of the third row of the menu matrix 210, the  
11 control section 110 moves the pointer from icon 21 to icon 2.

12 [0043] Referring back to Fig. 1, the control section 110 includes a memory 111 embedded therein,  
13 and counts the frequency of selection of a corresponding directional key of each menu icons 250 to  
14 store the frequency of use of each menu icons 250 in the memory 111. Also, the control section 110  
15 rearranges menu icons 250 having a higher frequency of use according to information about the  
16 frequency of use of each menu icons 250 stored in the memory 111.

17 [0044] At this time, when the OSD 200 is activated or ended, it may be set to automatically  
18 rearrange the menu icons 250 having a higher frequency of use and may be set to rearrange the menu  
19 icons 250 when a user wants a rearrangement of the menu icons 250. In case of allowing a user to  
20 rearrange the menu icons 250, a separate key for rearrangement of the menu icons 250 may be  
21 provided to the key inputting section 115 or a key for rearrangement of the menu icons 250 may be  
22 provided to the key inputting section 115 through a mutual combination of the menu key 31, the

directional keys and the end key 32.

[0045] The control section 110 rearranges the menu icons 250 of the menu matrix 210 by a certain rules in case of rearranging the menu icons 250 by either a selection of a user or automatically. The control section 110 disposes menu icon having the highest frequency (e.g., icon 11) of use at a central region of the menu matrix 210 where the pointer is initially positioned, disposes the remaining menu icons (e.g., icons 12, 4, 10 and 18) adjacent to the right/up/left/down sides, in this order, around the central region of the menu matrix according to the order of the frequency of use so that those menu icons having the higher frequencies of use are arranged closer to the central region of the menu matrix than those menu icons having lower frequencies of use. At this time, the reason why the menu icons are arranged in the order of right/up/left/down directions is that a user generally feels a key manipulation according to the order of right/up/left/down directions to be convenient in case of moving the pointer through the key inputting section 115.

[0046] Now, a process for adjusting a video signal and the image state of the display section 130 using the OSD 200 will be described hereinafter by way of a preferred embodiment.

[0047] There are disposed various menu icons 250 for controlling brightness, contrast, a horizontal position, a vertical position, a horizontal size, a vertical size, concave and convex, distortion (ADV)-control, language, an additional function, zoom (out/in), removal of a screen spot, an initial state, a present mode in use, etc., to the menu matrix 210 of the OSD 200 according to this embodiment.

[0048] Here, a contrast adjusting icon used the most by users is disposed at icon 11, i.e., the initial position of the pointer in the menu matrix 210. Second to the contrast adjusting icon, a brightness adjusting icon, a horizontal position adjusting icon and a vertical position adjusting icon, and a horizontal size adjusting icon, which are frequently used by users, are, in order, disposed at icon 12,

1 icon 4, icon 10, and icon 18, respectively, located adjacent to the right/up/left/down sides of icon 11  
2 at the central region of the menu matrix 210.

3 **[0049]** When a user selects the menu key 31 to activate the OSD 200, the pointer is initially  
4 positioned at icon 11 of the contrast adjusting icon. Accordingly, a user can adjust the contrast of  
5 the screen immediately when the OSD 200 is activated. Also, where a user desires to control the  
6 brightness, the horizontal position, the vertical position, and the horizontal size, he/she depresses the  
7 RIGHT/UP/LEFT/DOWN keys once, respectively, to move the pointer from icon 11 to a desired  
8 menu icons 250.

9 **[0050]** When the pointer is moved to adjust a desired display function, the control section 110  
10 stores information about the adjusted menu icons 250 in the memory 111, and compares the  
11 frequencies of use of respective menu icons 250 stored in the memory 111 with each other. Then,  
12 the control section 110 rearranges the menu icons 250 depending on the compared information about  
13 the frequencies of use of respective menu icons 250. For example, if the frequency of use of the  
14 brightness adjusting icon designated as icon 12 is larger than that of the contrast adjusting icon  
15 designated as icon 11, the control section 110 designates the brightness adjusting icon as icon 11 and  
16 designates the contrast adjusting icon as another menu icon corresponding to the frequency of use  
17 of the contrast adjusting icon.

18 **[0051]** In the meantime, where a user desires to select a vertical size adjusting icon designated as  
19 icon 13 to adjust the vertical size of the screen, and then desires to adjust an additional function of  
20 a menu icon designated as icon 17, he/she could depress the DOWN key 36 once and the LEFT key  
21 35 three times, respectively, to move the pointer from icon 13 to icon 17, however, according to the  
22 present invention, when a user need only depress the RIGHT key 33 twice to move the pointer from

1 icon 14 to icon 17.

2 [0052] Therefore, according to the present invention, icon 11, or the menu icon at the central  
3 region of the menu matrix 210, is set as the initial (default) position of the pointer. As a result, even  
4 where the user desires to select is any one of the leftmost menu icons, *i.e.*, icon 1, icon 8 or icon 15,  
5 or any one of the rightmost menu icons, *i.e.*, icon 7, icon 14 or icon 21, a distance from icon 11 at  
6 the central region of the menu matrix 210 to one of those leftmost or rightmost menu icons is  
7 relatively short. Accordingly, a user does not feel the movement distance from icon 11 to one of the  
8 leftmost or the rightmost menu icons of the menu matrix 210 to be undesirably long, thus the user  
9 does not feel inconvenienced.

10 [0053] Moreover, the OSD 200 is controlled to dispose the menu icons having the higher  
11 frequency of use at positions closer to the initial position of the pointer, so that a functions of the  
12 menu icons 250 used frequently by a user can be adjusted by a minimum frequency of selections of  
13 the directional keys.

14 [0054] Further, when the LEFT key 35 or the RIGHT key 33 of the directional keys is selected  
15 to move the pointer from one of the leftmost or rightmost menu icons 250 of the menu matrix 210  
16 in outer directions, *i.e.*, in the left or right directions in the menu matrix 210, the control section 110  
17 moves the pointer from one of the leftmost or rightmost menu icons to a menu icon requiring the  
18 number of selections of the key input section one less than that of the leftmost or rightmost menu  
19 icon in a row next to that of the leftmost or rightmost menu icon in a predetermined direction.  
20 Consequently, the pointer is moved to one of the menu icons 250 which has a relatively higher  
21 frequency of use and is closer to the initial position of the pointer, so that there is a stronger  
22 possibility that the pointer will be moved to the menu icon which a user desires to select. Therefore,

1 the frequency of manipulation of the directional keys by a user is minimized, thereby seeking user's  
2 convenience.

3 [0055] In the meantime, although there has been described above only the menu icons 250  
4 disposed at the menu matrix 210, it will, of course, be understood that the present invention may be  
5 equally applied to an arrangement of a sub-menu displayed on the display window 230 upon the  
6 selection of one of the menu icons 250, such as an additional function icon (e.g., icon 17).

7 [0056] As can be seen from the foregoing, according to the present invention, the menu icon  
8 disposed at the central region of the menu matrix 210 is set as the initial position of the pointer, and  
9 when the pointer is moved from one of the leftmost or rightmost menu icons 250 of the menu matrix  
10 210 in outer directions, *i.e.*, in the left or right directions in the menu matrix 210, the control section  
11 110 moves the pointer from the leftmost or rightmost menu icon to a menu icon closer to the initial  
12 position of the pointer, thereby minimizing the frequency of selection of the directional keys.

13 [0057] While this invention has been described in connection with what is presently considered  
14 to be the most practical and preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the invention is not  
15 limited to the disclosed embodiment, but, on the contrary, it is intended to cover various  
16 modifications within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.